



Permitting and Inspections Department  
Michael A. Russell, MS, Director

Jonathan Rioux, Inspections Director

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Elijah P. Thanhauser  
315 Spring St. Rear  
Portland, ME 04102

CBL: 061 C018001  
Located At: 315R Spring St.

Mr Thanhauser:

At some point, you installed an unpermitted wood stove at your property. As you know, you were subsequently issued a notice of violation arising out of your use of this stove, and were ordered to discontinue the use of the chimney and stove until corrections were made. Attached is the original notice of violation issued by the Fire Department on 09/14/2017.

You subsequently applied for an after-the-fact HVAC permit #2017-01667 for "Installation of wood stove model Morso 1440". In connection with that permit, you expressly agreed "to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction." Further, as a condition of the permit, you agreed to take responsibility for scheduling inspections for the work being done, and understood that the inspector could require modifications to the work if it did not meet code requirements.

During an evaluation of the property on 12/20/17, City inspectors confirmed that the wood stove venting did not comply with NFPA 211, 2006 edition section 4.2 as adopted by the State of Maine. This property remains in violation of those requirements, and of the requirements of permit #2017-0167.

Given the present circumstances of this property, you are hereby ordered to:

1. Immediately discontinue the use of this chimney and wood-fired appliance.
2. If you wish to resume your use of the chimney and wood-fired appliance, you must first apply for a permit to make the necessary corrections for the chimney to comply with NFPA 211, 2006 edition section 4.2, by providing for the termination of the chimney vent above roof level as illustrated in Figure 4.2(a) and Figure 4.2(b), see attached.

A re-evaluation of the property will occur on 10/24/2018 .



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This letter constitutes a decision from which you may appeal pursuant to the City of Portland Code of Ordinances.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me a (207) 756-8187. We trust that your cooperation will be evident in your meeting the above timeframe.

Sincerely,

Jason Grant,  
Life Safety Code Enforcement Officer/ Plan Reviewer

cc: Anne Torregrossa, Associate Corporation Counsel  
Keri Ouellette, Intake and Review Manager